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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taunton River Wild
5 and Scenic River Study Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of
9 Massachusetts possesses important resource values
10 (including wildlife, ecological, and scenic values), his-
11 toric sites, and a cultural past important to the her-
12 itage of the United States;

13 (2) there is strong support among State and
14 local officials, area residents, and river users for a
15 cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area;
16 and

17 (3) there is a longstanding interest among
18 State and local officials, area residents, and river
19 users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort
20 to manage the river in a productive and meaningful
21 way.

22 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

23 Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
24 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by designating the undesignated paragraph
2 following (135) as paragraph (136); and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(137) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—The
5 segment downstream from the headwaters, from the con-
6 fluence of the Town River and the Matfield River in
7 Bridgewater to the confluence with the Forge River in
8 Raynham, Massachusetts.”.

9 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

10 Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
11 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating the second paragraph (8)
13 as paragraph (10);

14 (2) by redesignating the second paragraph (11)
15 as paragraph (12);

16 (3) by redesignating the third paragraph (11)
17 as paragraph (13);

18 (4) by redesignating the fourth paragraph (11)
19 as paragraph (14);

20 (5) by redesignating the first undesignated
21 paragraph as paragraph (15);

22 (6) by redesignating the second undesignated
23 paragraph as paragraph (16);

1 (7) in paragraph (16), as so redesignated by
2 paragraph (6) of this subsection, by striking “para-
3 graph ()” and inserting “paragraph (136)”; and
4 (8) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(17) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—Not
6 later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this
7 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior—

8 “(A) shall complete the study of the Taunton
9 River, Massachusetts; and

10 “(B) shall submit to Congress a report describ-
11 ing the results of the study.”.

12 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
14 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives June 19, 2000.

Attest:

Clerk.